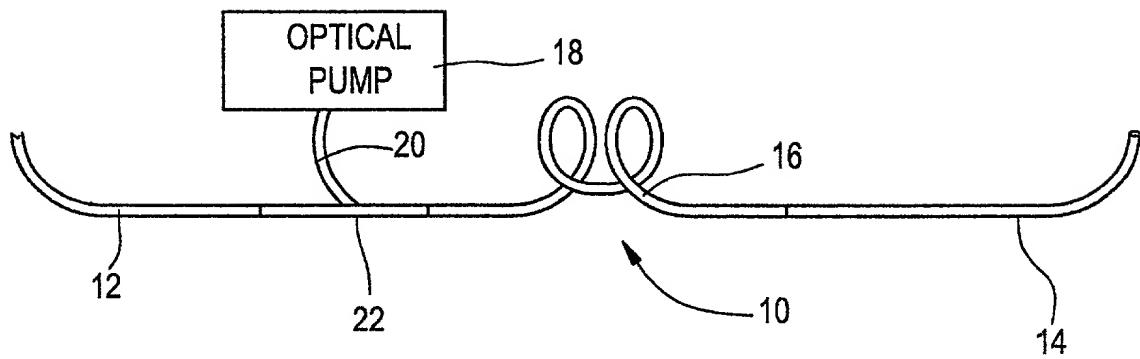


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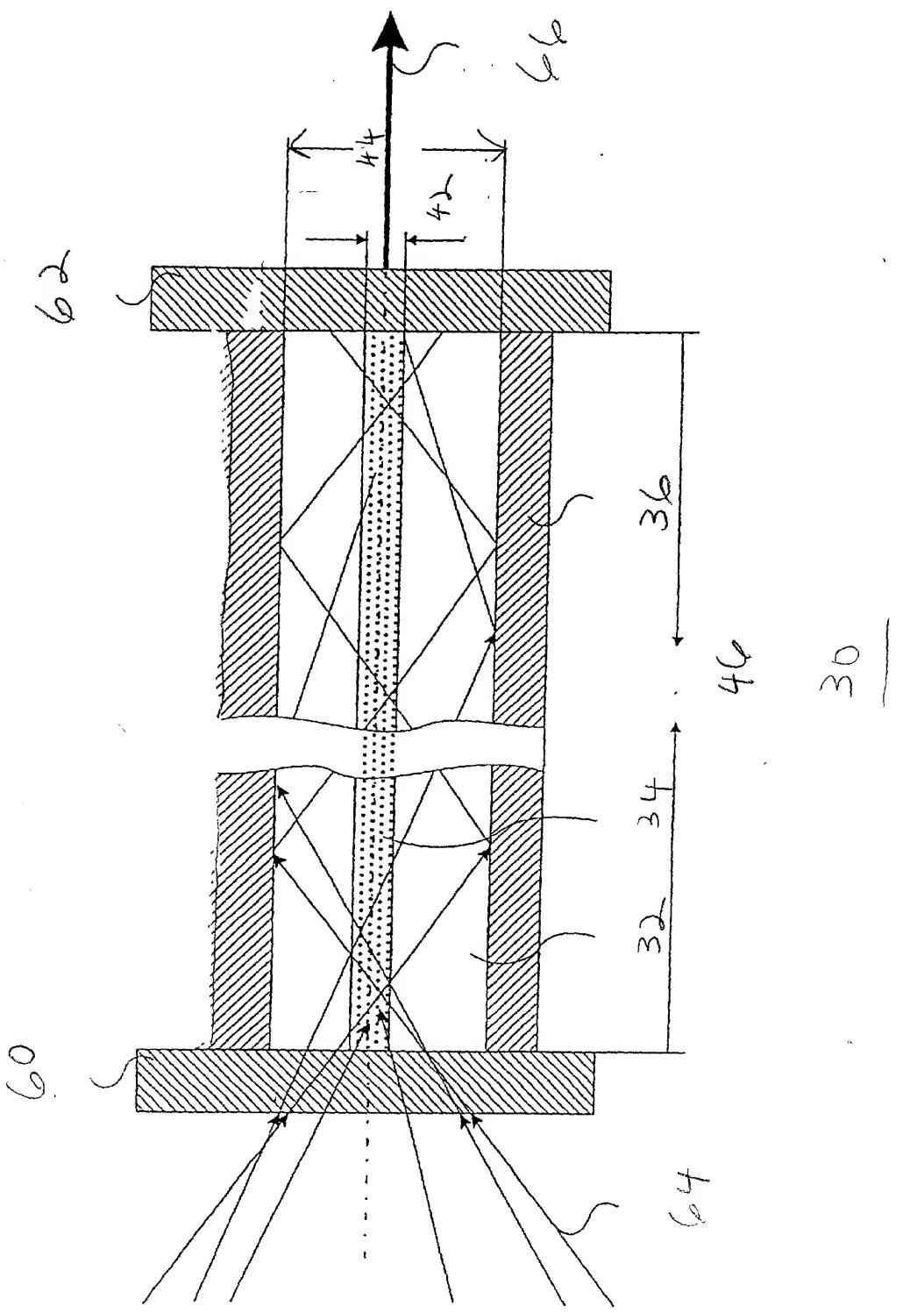
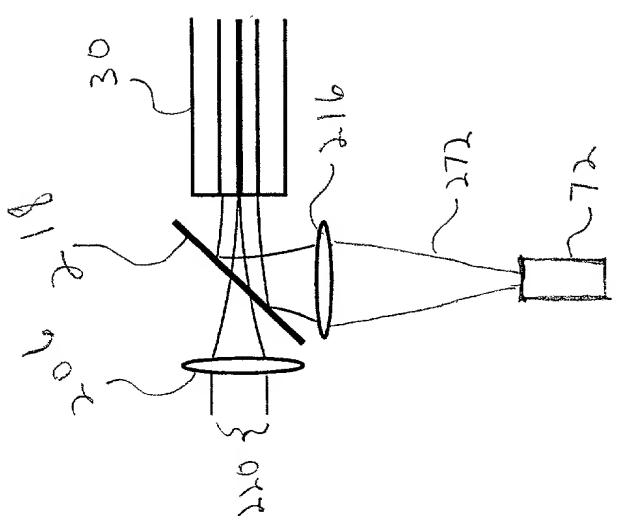
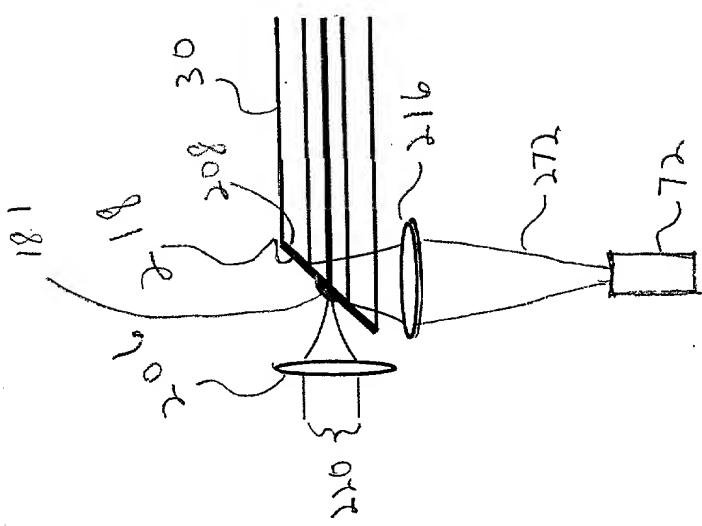


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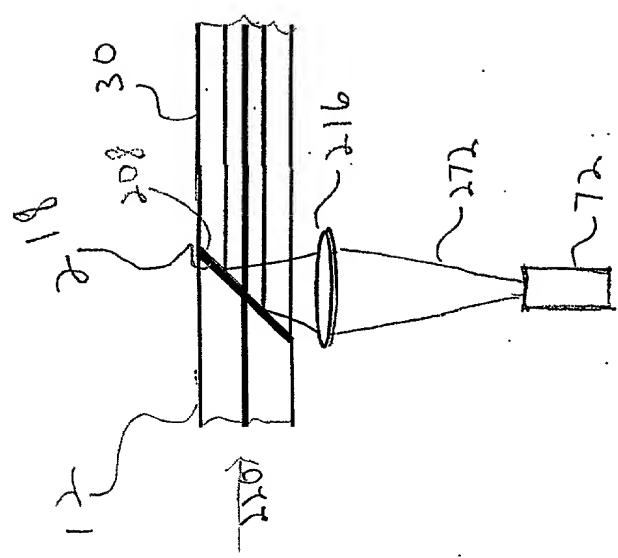
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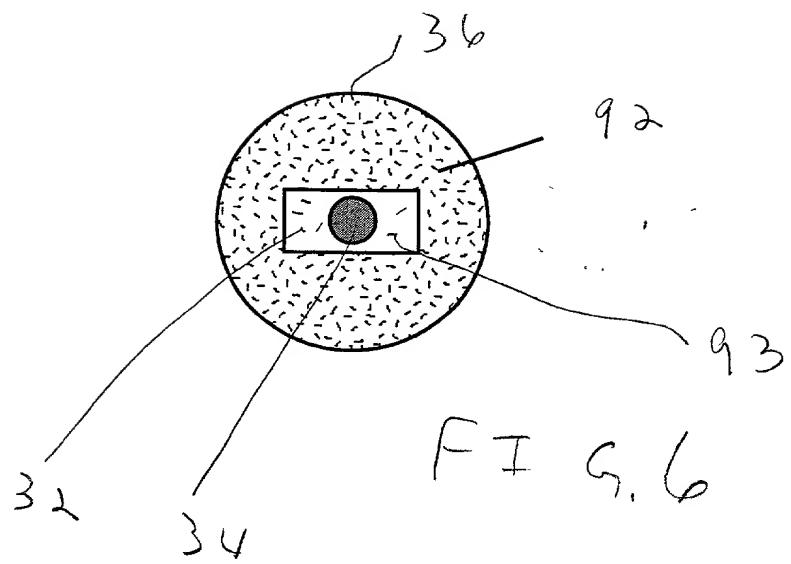
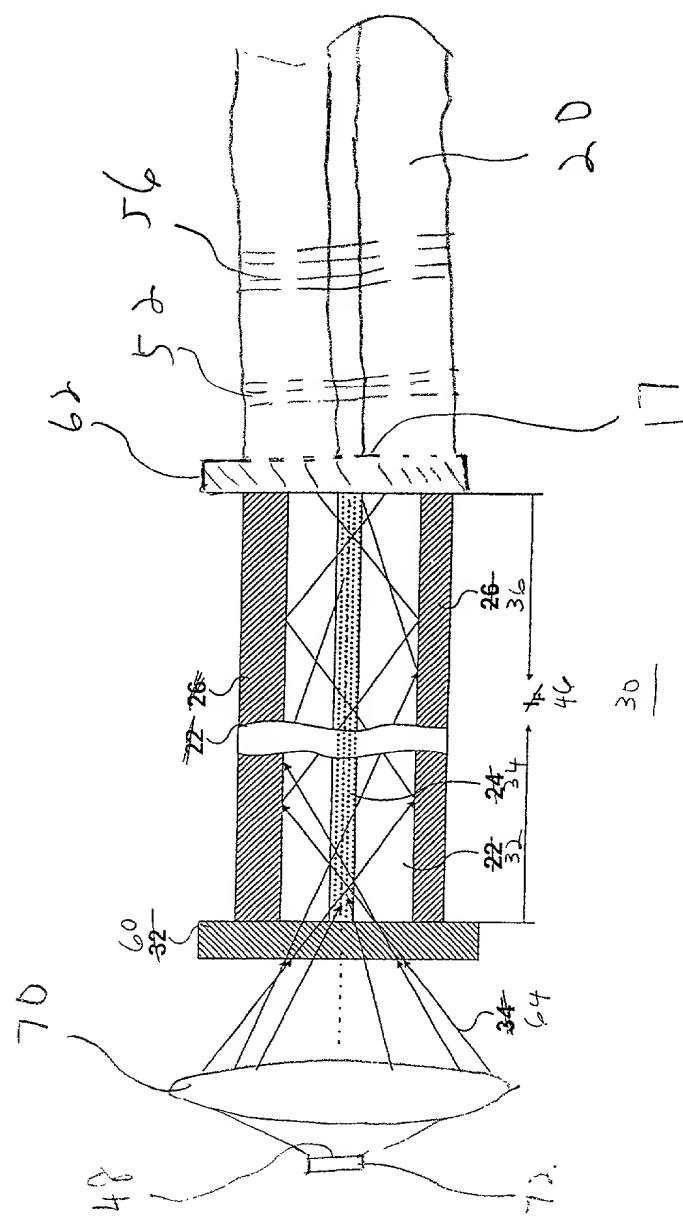


FIG. 7



978nm
output power
(mW)

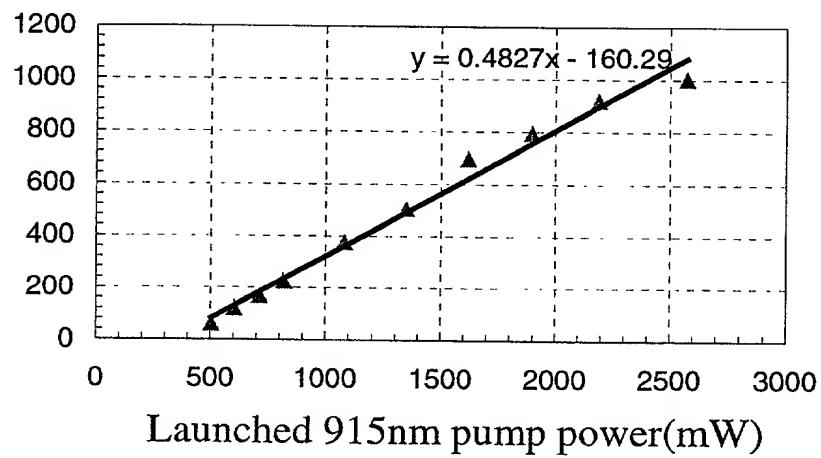


Figure 3. Single-transverse-mode output vs launched pump power with 330mW threshold and 48% slope efficiency

FIG. 8

FIG. 9

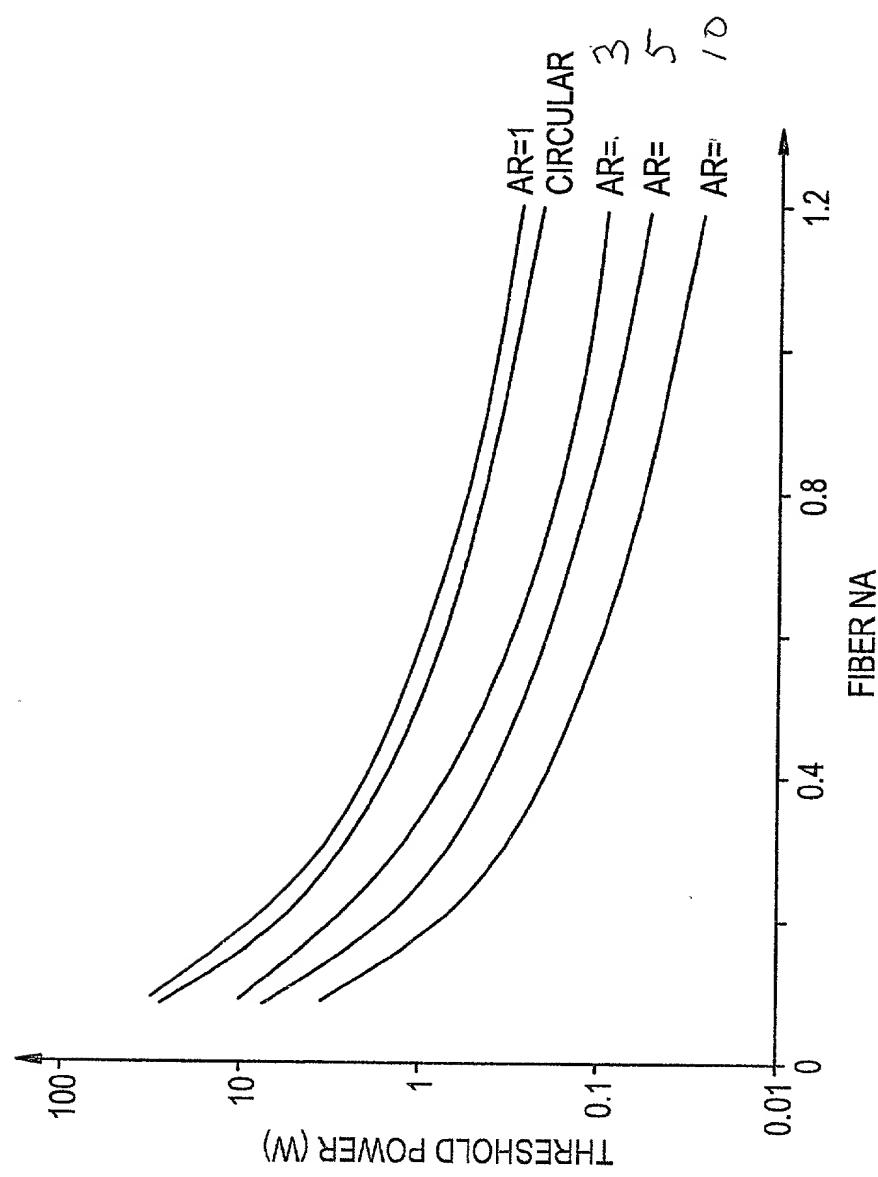


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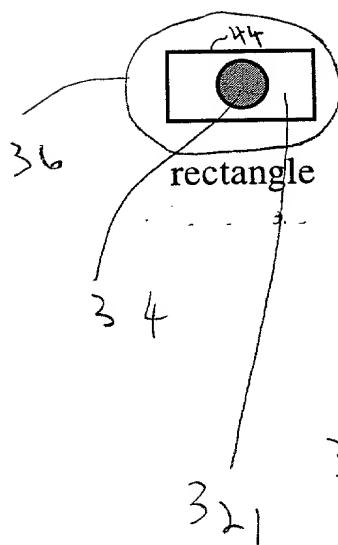


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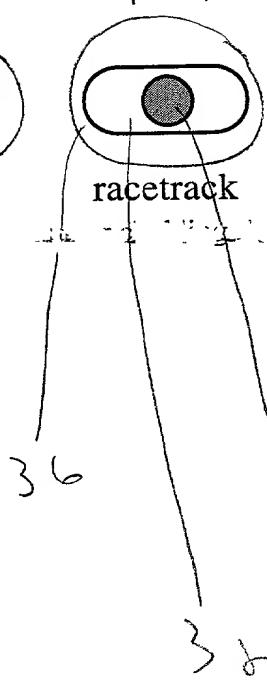


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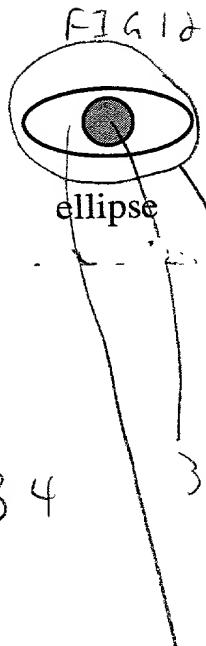


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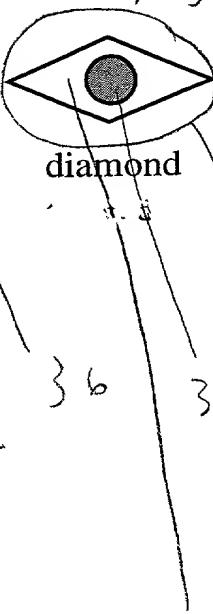


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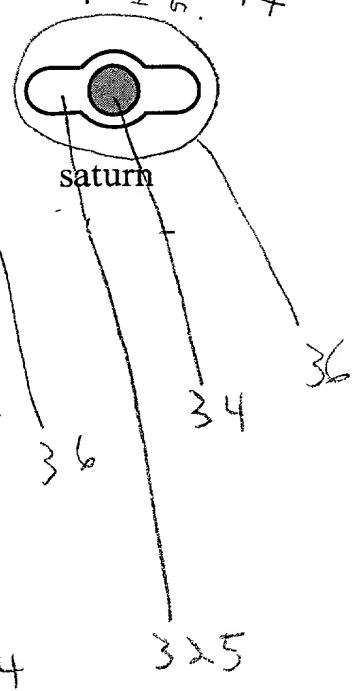
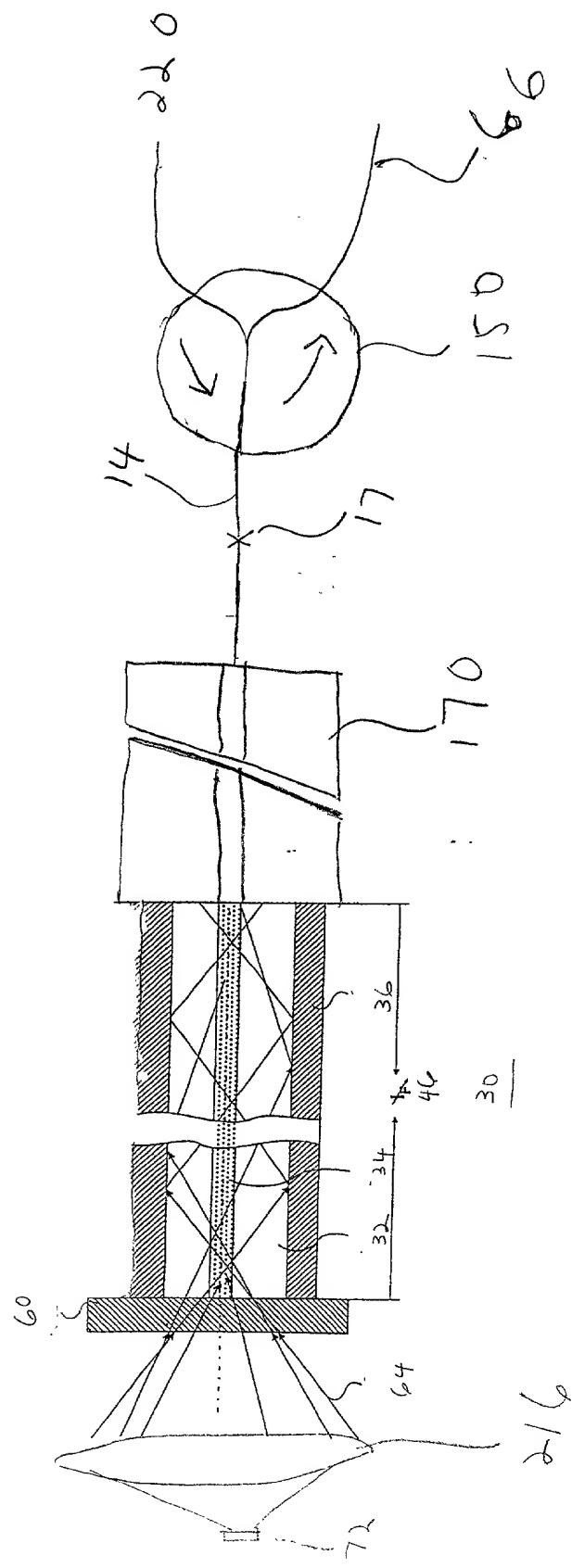


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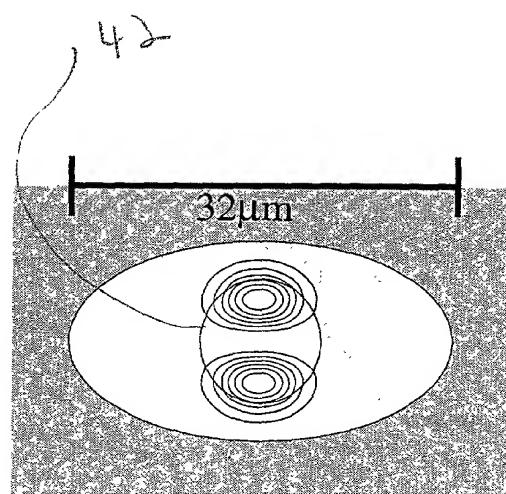
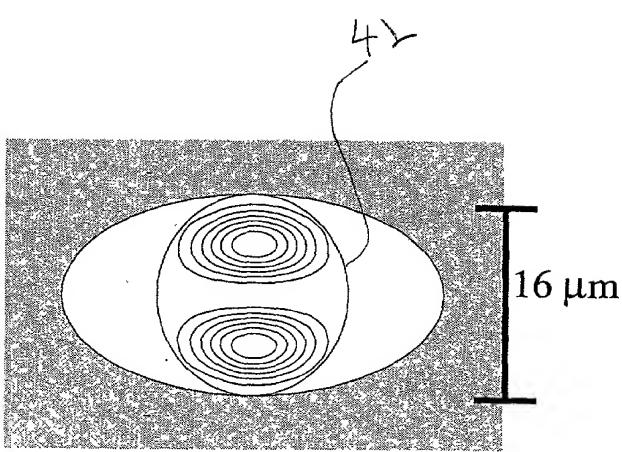


FIG 16 *Figure 2. Highest-gain, higher-order mode intensity contours. Core diameter is $D=16\mu\text{m}$ and overlap factor is $\Gamma=96\%$ (left); $D=10\mu\text{m}$ $\Gamma=65\%$ (right)*